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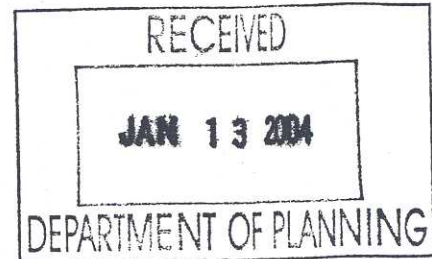
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At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Loudoun County, Virginia, held in the County Government Center, Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room, 1 Harrison St., S.E., Leesburg, Virginia, on Monday, January 5, 2004 at 9:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Scott K. York, Chairman
Bruce E. Tulloch, Vice Chairman
James G. Burton
James E. Clem
Eugene A. Delgaudio
Sally Kurtz
Stephen J. Snow
Mick Staton Jr.
Lori L. Waters



IN RE: RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT ACTIVE AND PASSIVE
RECREATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Ms. Waters moved that the Board of Supervisors suspend the rules.

Seconded by Mr. Tulloch.

Voting on the Motion: Supervisors Clem, Delgaudio, Snow, Staton, Tulloch, and Waters - Yes;
Supervisors Burton, Kurtz, and York - No.

Ms. Waters moved that the Board of Supervisors approve the attached RESOLUTION OF INTENT TO SUPPORT ACTIVE AND PASSIVE RECREATION AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES, THROUGH AMENDMENT TO THE GENERAL PLAN AND THE ZONING ORDINANCE, IN FURTHERANCE OF THE PURPOSE OF ZONING AS SET FORTH IN § 15.2-2283 OF THE CODE OF VIRGINIA AND TO FURTHER IMPLEMENT THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN.

Seconded by Mr. Clem.

Ms. Waters accepted Mr. York's friendly amendment that this issue be made the #1 Land Use priority of the Board and strongly recommended that the Planning Commission provide a recommendation to the Board within 60 days. She clarified that she was willing to have separate public hearings for the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors as long as it could be done within 90 days.

Voting on Ms. Waters' Amended Motion: Supervisors Clem, Delgaudio, Snow, Staton, Tulloch, Waters, and York - Yes; Supervisors Burton and Kurtz - No.

January 5, 2004

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DEPUTY CLERK FOR THE LOUDOUN
COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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**Resolution of Intent to Support Active and Passive Recreation
and for other purposes,**
through Amendment to the General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance,
in furtherance of the purpose of zoning as set forth in
§15.2-2283 of the Code of Virginia and
to further implement the comprehensive plan.

WHEREAS it is our duty to give the residents of the county including our youth the opportunity to participate in active and passive recreation activities,

WHEREAS there is tremendous competition for field use due to a shortage of active and passive recreation facilities in the county,

WHEREAS recreational uses have co-existed with nature in floodplains for decades, including many of our most important local and national parks, such as Great Falls National Park, Algonkian Regional Park, River Bend and Pohick Regional Park,

WHEREAS the County has traditionally allowed, built and maintained active and passive recreation facilities, including the fields at Redskins' Park, within floodplains and the River and Stream Corridor Overlay District (RSCOD) areas,

WHEREAS ballfields and golf courses can be constructed and maintain through environmentally sensitive means,

WHEREAS preventing ballfields in the minor floodplains results in increased costs of school sites and other park sites due to the value difference between land located within the floodplain and RSCOD verses prime property,

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors will rectify this situation by initiating an amendment to the Loudoun County General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance in furtherance of the proposes of zoning as set out in §15.2-2283 of the Code of Virginia and to further implement the comprehensive plan;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors states it intention to amend the Loudoun County General Plan and the Zoning Ordinance to adopt revised provisions to the General Plan and all applicable Zoning regulations of the 1993 Ordinance to amend all RSCOD and floodplain regulations to permit active and passive recreation facilities, public utilities and storm drainage facilities, along with golf courses via the Special Exception process, within these areas.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that (i) these amendments are in furtherance of the public necessity, convenience, general welfare, and good zoning practice; (ii) that these matters be referred to the Planning Commission for preparation of ordinances; and (iii) the proposed amendments on this matter be brought forward for notice and a joint public hearing between the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors and that such hearing is to occur within the next 90 days.

Amend the General Plan Policy 18, Page 5-10:

The County will only allow development and uses in the RSCOD that will support or enhance the biological integrity and health of the river and stream corridor. Permitted uses ~~will be required~~ are intended to have minimal adverse effects on wildlife, aquatic life, and their habitats; riparian forests, wetlands, and historic and archaeological sites; and will be required to complement ~~or enhance~~ the hydrologic processes of the river and stream corridors – including flood protection and water quality. Uses will be limited to:

- a. Road crossings, rail crossings, bridges and drive-way crossings (only when the environmental objectives of the RSCOD can be maintained or enhanced).
- b. Utilities and utility rights-of-way (only when the environmental objectives of the RSCOD can be maintained or enhanced).
- c. Local and regional stormwater management facilities (subject to best management practice requirements).
- d. Public lakes and ponds (subject to best management practice requirements).
- e. Public water supply reservoirs.
- f. Historic and archaeological sites.
- g. Paths and trails – including footpaths, biking or hiking paths, and horse trails (of a permeable material only)
- h. Passive recreation – limited to hiking, biking, horseback riding, picnicking, camping, climbing, hunting, fishing, and wildlife viewing.
- i. Active recreation, including physical education, athletic fields, and supporting athletic elements (such as but not limited to: goals, goal posts, back stops, dug outs, fences, etc.), in minor floodplains based on standards developed. Swimming and non-powered boating on the rivers and streams only ~~including swimming and boating (non-powered)~~ where specific public points of entry have been identified.
- j. Agricultural activities, but not structures – including crop planting and harvesting, and grazing (subject to appropriate best management practice requirements).
- k. Silviculture – as required to care for forests and not commercial forestry (limited to forest preservation and tree planting; limited tree clearing and clearing of invasive species; tree trimming and pruning; and removal of individual trees; subject to appropriate best management practice requirements).
- l. Planting native vegetation (subject to appropriate best management practice requirements).
- m. Conservation – including stream restoration projects, facilities and activities; Adopt-A-Stream programs; scientific, nature and archaeological studies; and education programs.

Amend the General Plan Policy 18, Page 5-18:

18. The County will institute development standards for golf courses and restrict development of golf courses in proximity to water resources such as streams, rivers, and

reservoirs or floodplains to deter any degradation of these resources as a result of the golf course use. Golf courses ~~will not~~ may be allowed within the boundaries of floodplains only by Special Exception.